



**Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee and Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee
Joint Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2021**

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee

Members Present:

Kenneth Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair
Susan Cherry, SUDP, Vice Chair
Theresa Adkison, SUDP
Bergen Starke, SUDP, LMHC
Gayle Martinsen, STR Treatment Manager, HCA
Vacant, Physician/MHP
Vacant, Public Member

Members Absent:

Daniel Friesen, SUDP, Vice Chair

Assistant Attorney General Staff:

Chris Gerard, AAG

Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee

Members Present:

Michael Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Chair
Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair
Anjanette Jorstad, LASW
Beda Herbison, LICSW
Linda Sattem, Ph.D., Public Member
Paul David, PhD, LMHC, LMFT
Vacant, Public Member
Vacant Public Member

Members Absent:

None

Assistant Attorney General Staff:

Luke Eaton, AAG (not present)

DOH Staff:

Ted Dale, SUD Program Manager
Brandon Williams, Licensed Counselors Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Nancy Delgado, Program Support
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst

Guest Presenters:

None

On September 10, 2021, the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams. Notice of the meeting was published on the Substance Use Disorder, Mental Health Counselor, Marriage & Family Therapist, and Social Worker profession websites and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv for each profession.

Open Session:

1. Opening of Public Meeting – Kenneth Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair and Michael Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Chair

- 1.1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Committee and agency staff members as well as public attendees introduced themselves and their area of practice. AAG Gerard announced he would be representing both committees as AAG Eaton was unable to attend.
- 1.2. Agenda - Request to add agenda item to schedule 2022 meeting dates after the legislative implementation, remove the budget or credentialing report because they are not available, and change the program manager report for the licensed counselors to be presented by Brandon Williams. *Motion to approve the September 10, 2021 agenda as amended, seconded, vote 11-0 (Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee vote 5-0, Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Counselors, and Social Workers Advisory Committee vote 6-0).*
- 1.3. Minutes - Motion to approve the February 19, 2021 joint meeting minutes, seconded, vote 11-0 (Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee vote 5-0, Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Counselors, and Social Workers Advisory Committee vote 6-0).

2. Program Manager Reports – Ted Dale, Program Manager and Brandon Williams, Program Manager

Mr. Dale is serving as the Program Manager for the Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee and Mr. Williams is serving as the Program Manager for the Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee.

- 2.1. Licensed counselors committee recruitment update – Mr. Williams provided an update on filling the vacancies on the committee. The recruitment has closed, and he plans on conducting interviews sometime this month. The goal is to have the members available for the next joint meeting in February.
- 2.2. SUD committee recruitment update – 16 applications were received for the three open positions (SUDP, physician, and a public member). The interviews have been completed and the appointment recommendations have been submitted for approval.

3. Assistant Attorney General Report – Chris Gerard, AAG

- 3.1. AAG Gerard, who sits on the Substance Use Disorder Advisory Committee and AAG Eaton, who sits on the Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee, did not have anything new to report for either advisory committee. AAG Gerard represented both committees.

4. Legislation Update and Discussion – Ted Dale and Brandon Williams, Program Manager

Mr. Dale and Mr. Williams updated the committee regarding the implementation of current legislation from the 2021 session.

- 4.1. [SHB 1007](#) – This legislation removes the limitation on distance supervision for both the Social Worker Advanced Associated license and the Social Worker Independent Clinical Associate license. An expedited rule process was started for this bill and are just waiting the 45-day waiting period to put it into effect. The comment period has ended.
- 4.2. [HB 1063](#) – This legislation allows the Secretary of Health to grant additional renewals to Licensed Counselor Associates and SUDPTs during a declared state of emergency by the governor. Expedited rule making process was started for this bill and are just waiting the 45-day waiting period to put it into effect. Requests have already been coming in and have been approved/denied depending on the reasoning if it meets the bills requirements.
- 4.3. [HB 1311](#) – This legislation adds an apprenticeship option to meet the educational component for certification as a SUDP and SUDPT. The rules process has been started, with an upcoming hearing to collect public comments and concerns.
- 4.4. [HB 1504](#) – This legislation creates a change for the agency affiliated counselor profession, that allows student interns to apply for registration if they work in an agency that hires them. The rules process is currently being done.

5. Meeting Dates - Ted Dale and Brandon Williams, Program Manager

- 5.1. SUD dates – June 3, 2022 and December 2, 2022
- 5.2. Licensed Counselors dates – June 10, 2022 and December 9, 2022
- 5.3. Joint Meeting dates – February 11, 2022 and September 9, 2022

6. Public Comment – Ken Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair, and Mike Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Chair

- 6.1. There was public comment regarding the time it has been taking to process applications. All efforts are being made to speed up the process.

7. Joint Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

8. Breakout Session

- 8.1. Substance Use Disorder Professionals Discussion (Opened at 9:59 a.m.)
 - i) Apprenticeship workshops - Mr. Dale reminded all to participate in upcoming rules workshops regarding the implementation of [EHB 1311](#).

- ii) Committee appointments - Mr. Dale provided an update on the pending appointment for three new committee members (SUDP, public member, and a physician). He anticipates approval from the DOH secretary's office sometime in the next couple of months and in time for the next SUD meeting in December.
- iii) Co-occurring enhancement. Mr. Dale briefed the committee on [the co-occurring enhancement program](#) which is currently only offered through Eastern Washington University. Only one person has graduated from the program to-date.

iv) Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

8.2. Licensed Counselors Discussion (Opened at 10:15 a.m.)

- i) Rules workshop –A CR-101 was originally filed in 2018 to review and make changes to [Chapter 246-809 WAC](#), however that effort had been stalled due to implementation of several legislative bills in 2019. The committee discussed changes to the rule language and next steps will be to present draft language to the committee based on this discussion.
- ii) Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by:

Ted Dale, Program Manager
Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee

Approved by:

Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair
Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee

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Submitted by:

Brandon Williams, Program Manager
Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee

Approved by:

Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair
Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee

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